



MINUTES of the Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place via Zoom on **Monday, 9th November 2020** at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: A Wilson (Chairman)
R Higginson
G Jones
K Arbuthnot
G Williams
S Bentley
C Edwards
Y Brunger
C Rogers
S Burrell

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk
2 Members of the Public

20/1724 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman, Councillor Wilson, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

20/1725 APOLOGIES

Cllr I Pryce Work Commitments Approved

Cllr Pryce has applied for Leave of Absence, due to work commitments during this difficult period. It was proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Williams, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Cllr I Pryce be granted 3 months Leave of Absence.

20/1726 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Budget (relating to the employment of the Clerk)	Cllr S Bentley
Budget	All Councillors resident in the Parish
Speed of traffic in High Street	Cllr G Williams (resident)

20/1727 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SEPTEMBER 2020

It was proposed by Councillor Edwards and seconded by Councillor Higginson, that the Minutes of the September 2020 meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record. The Chairman signed and showed the signed copy and it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted as a true record.

20/1728 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, for information

All matters arising are included on the Agenda for further discussion or consideration.

20/1729

SCHEME OF DELEGATION

The Clerk updated Members on the work of the Council, under this Scheme, which had enabled the council to continue to fulfil its role legally and in the best interests of the Community. Meetings are to continue virtually for the time being. Members confirmed the use of Zoom, as many had experienced difficulties when trying to attend meetings via Microsoft Teams. Members were reminded of the protocols for Zoom meetings. It is important, especially at this time in Telford & Wrekin, that Members promote social distancing at all times and the wearing of face coverings.

The work of the Parish Council will continue with the preparation of the budget for 2021/22. It will also be necessary to confirm the policies and procedures of the Parish Council, including the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, in preparation for the Annual General Meeting, which will take place in May 2021.

20/1730

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY OF EDMOND – Outside Body Representations

a) Parish Warden and Police

The Parish Warden had submitted a report for the Edgmond Echo, and copies had been circulated to Members for their information. The SNT had produced a newsletter, which had been circulated for information.

HAU Liaison Meetings

Regular meetings had continued, and further information had been made available on a regular basis regarding the students and Covid 19 cases.

The Chairman had represented the Parish Council at an important and useful meeting with Public Health and TWC which was also attended by all local councils and the police.

Newport Regeneration Partnership

There had been no recent meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 19th November via Zoom.

Helicopter Liaison Group

Councillor Higginson had represented the Parish Council at this meeting. There had been an increase in complaints across the line of flight, however, not from Edgmond. Residents can access information on the website and register an 'event' such as a funeral and the helicopter flight team will ensure that the route is clear for the period of time of the event.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Higginson for attending on behalf of Cllr Jones.

20/1731

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a) Report

None

b) New Applications for consideration

Members had taken the opportunity to consider the attachments for the applications which are on the telford.gov.uk/planning website

TWC/2020/0814 Methodist Chapel and adjacent site, Shrewsbury Road

Conversion to 2 dwellings and erection of a third on the adjacent site.

RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council would support the application which Members thought included a sympathetic design for the dwelling which complemented the Chapel.

Members agreed that the response should include mention of the Climate Change Agenda and to request that the details include for future fit, sustainability, with renewable energy initiatives, a car charging point and minimal bio-diversity upset.

The response would also include that the Case Officer must keep in mind an upper limit to car parking on the site.

TWC/2020/0869 1 Chetwynd Road

Single storey side garage extension

RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council would have no objections to the proposal.

TWC/2020/0878 1a Connors Lane, Edgmond

Removal of one side of a forked main trunk of a Sweetgum Tree

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would have no objections to the work on the tree, providing that the Arbicultural Officer confirms that the work is necessary.

TWC/2020/0933 26 Chetwynd Road, Edgmond

Two storey side extension

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would have no objections to the proposals which were considered to be modest and appropriate.

c) Other Matters

Members agreed that the response to all Planning Applications should include a statement from the Parish Council regarding the need to keep in mind a future fit, sustainability agenda, with renewable energy initiatives, car charging points and minimal bio-diversity upset, wherever possible.

20/1732 ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

a) Report

There had been no meeting.

b) MUGA and Children's Play Area

The Parish Council is awaiting the outcome of the Play Strategy Review before considering the Children's Play Area further. This will appear on the next Committee agenda, when, hopefully the RoSPA report will also be available.

c) Rights of Way

Questions were asked regarding the route of the right of way at the end of Connors Lane to Pond Lane. HAU had agreed, at a recent meeting, to provide an up to date map of land and rights of way – this will be useful for future discussions.

A concern was expressed at the lack of verges available for horses to be ridden – this will be added to the next agenda for a HAU liaison meeting. The Clerk will also ask TWC for confirmation of any Bridle Paths in the Parish. The Ramblers may also have more information.

d) Flower Beds

Members discussed the possibility of employing a local contractor to undertake regular essential maintenance. A SLA would be considered at the next Committee meeting in order that quotations can be obtained.

20/1733 HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

a) Report

Councillor Wilson presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2020.

b) Highway & Road Safety Matters

It is important to report local issues, such as potholes or damaged kerbs direct to TWC at the earliest opportunity. Using My Telford ensures that the matter is logged and a reference number available for future use.

It is anticipated that all the information will be available for the Highways Committee meeting in order that Members can make a decision regarding the installation of posts and holders, plus the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device for the Parish.

c) Transport Matters

We are awaiting a date for a meeting with TWC regarding a rural transport partnership.

d) Street Lighting

The upgrade to LED is progressing and the Clerk will ascertain how many lights are awaiting upgrade. The new inventory will be sent to Western Power in order that Npower bill the Parish Council accurately for the energy used.

e) Shrewsbury Road Car Park

Councillor Williams had confirmed that the Village Hall Management Committee had resolved not to contribute to the scheme to improve and repair the car park and associated works - as this is the responsibility of Telford & Wrekin Council.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that there may not be a need for the pedestrian route at the front of the car park, as previously requested by the Village Hall Committee. It was therefore agreed, that two quotations would be requested from TWC, one with the new front pedestrian access and one without. Providing this information is available, Members of the Highways Committee will consider the options at its next meeting.

The Chairman had asked for consideration of a car charging point (or two) to be included in the scheme as external funding can be available for this facility.

The verge between the car park and highway will be added to the next Environment Committee meeting agenda for consideration, as Edgmond Scouts have offered to assist with enhancing and maintaining the area.

f) Other Matters

Dog fouling has become a big problem again, throughout the village but particularly in Rock Lane / Pipers Lane and Kilvert Close. An article will be included in the Edgmond Echo, and on facebook. Whilst there is a litter problem in places, it is not as bad as the dog fouling.

20/1734

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

a) Report

Councillor Higginson presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2020.

b) Noticeboards

Thanks were recorded to Mr Ryan and Mrs Doherty for their assistance with notices displayed in Marsh Road and Shrewsbury Road.

c) Edgmond Parish Council & Community Facebook

Further to the discussions at the Committee meeting, Members considered the creation of a new Facebook page, which would be called Edgmond Parish Council & Community. Members accepted Cllr Rogers' offer to act as Admin after setting up the page, which would be more modern and engaging with the local residents.

Members agreed that it is important to engage with the Community, but aware of the need to manage communications in order to ensure that the Parish Council is acting within its powers and not ultra vires in any way. Cllr Rogers explained how this can be achieved and that requests for information or action will be forwarded to the Clerk or referred to the website, which is the audit requirement for The Transparency Code.

It was proposed by Councillor Rogers and seconded by Cllr Higginson, with one abstention, Members

RESOLVED to set up a new Edgmond Parish Council & Community Facebook as soon as possible, with the guidelines of the Social Media Policy.

It will be necessary to close down the old facebook page to avoid confusion.

20/1735

FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

a) Orders for the payment of invoices, as per the financial regulations of Edgmond Parish Council

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Councillor Jones that the vouchers be checked by two Members and the corresponding cheques will be signed for the following payments:

Cheque Number	Expenditure	Authority	Total Cost
000983	Npower – Street Light Energy	LGA 1972 Sch 14, P 34	£2229.45

000984	Street Light upgrade – Phase II	LGA 1972 Sch 14, P34	£8676.00
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b) Financial Report

A copy of the financial report, taken from Scribe, with details of all receipts and payments had been circulated. The balance in the current account at 30th October 2020 was £37,290.68. Members were asked to consider new projects and suggestions for consideration in the budget process for 2021/22. TWC has confirmed that it will not be in a position to host a budget consultation with PTCs this year, as the Government has confirmed that the details will not be available soon enough. However, information will be available during December and PTCs have to submit their precept request by 1st February 2021. There may be a need for an additional meeting to discuss a draft budget.

20/1736

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Information, received for members, has been circulated. There have been no requests for it to be included on the Agenda.

b) Information from SALC

- i) Training Programme – copies have been circulated. The Chairman encouraged members to attend training, wherever possible.
- ii) Wrekin Area Committee Minutes – have been circulated to all Members.
- iii) The AGM will take place via Zoom on Friday, 20th November 2020 at 6pm, it will have a slim agenda, with a guest speaker and decisions regarding the financial position of SALC and suggested fee scales for 2021/22 to be agreed.

c) Rural Forum

The Minutes have been circulated, for information.

d) Shropshire Garden Party

A letter from the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire has thanked the many people who have offered community support programmes across the County and included information that it is her wish to hold an official Garden Party (on behalf of the Queen) in Shropshire in June 2021.

The Parish Council has the opportunity to recommend two local residents to attend to represent Edmond Parish.

Nominations will be invited and a process for making the decision (if more than two nominations are received) will need to be agreed.

e) Climate & Ecological Emergency Event

The Chairman introduced this item, combining it with his report on the Climate Change Partnerships in Shropshire. In a bid to become Carbon Neutral by 2030, Parish & Town Councils in Telford & Wrekin are asked to cascade information to other organisations and local residents. Further information will be shared and useful tips can be included on the website, in the Echo and on facebook in the coming months.

f) Alleged Noise Nuisance

Members considered the work carried out at Log-A-Log and discussed the alleged noise nuisance. Correspondence from Telford & Wrekin Council has confirmed that we should encourage local residents to report any noise issues to Environmental Health for investigation.

20/1737

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Climate Change
Please see 20/1737e above.

Councillor’s Report

Councillor Wilson and Councillor Higginson had attended the Public Health meeting this morning, to hear from the Health Protection Hub Team regarding the current situation with Covid 19 in Telford & Wrekin. It is important to assure the community that the Team is working in the best interests of all residents,

however, it is essential that everyone obeys the rules. The number of cases is escalating very quickly and action is needed otherwise the lockdown could be extended past 2nd December.

Clerk's Report

All Matters have been included on the Agenda.

Councillor Steve Burrell left the meeting (due to lost IT connection)

20/1738 MATTERS FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillors Bentley updated Members on current work in the area, this included speed reduction and road works on the B5062. It is also hoped that the Community Speedwatch team will be able to use the B5062 as an additional location. Thanks were extended to the volunteers for helping with this project.

Due to the current restrictions, there could be no church services for Remembrance this year. However, thanks were extended to everyone who had taken part in alternative Acts of Remembrance. Steve had laid the Telford & Wrekin Council Wreath and Councillor Williams, the Parish Council wreath. The painted stones at the Memorial were acknowledged with thanks and Councillor Williams explained that there were part of the Fairy Family that appear around the village.

20/1739 PARISH MATTERS

- Overhanging hedge adjacent to The Lion
- Hedges overhanging the footpaths along Shrewsbury Road
- Robin Lane footpath, moss to be removed
- Thanks to HAU for assistance in cutting back hedge to allow the street light to be seen
- Hidden signs: Edgmond Marsh and Summerhill
- Hedge at Newport Road – to be reported to Eon, as street light is hidden
- Consider hazel fences around wildlife areas

Councillor Williams thanked the Chairman for his work on the Highways Document, which had covered all the points raised over a significant period of time. However, he expressed his disappointment that nothing appears to get done. Councillor Williams resigned with immediate effect. The Chairman thanked him for his input whilst on the Parish Council.

20/1740 NEXT MEETINGS

The meeting schedule, as circulated, was agreed.

14 th December 2020	7pm	Environment Committee
	8pm	Highways Committee
11 th January 2021	7pm	Full Council

There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm and thanked everyone for their important contributions to a successful meeting.

Signed**Date**

These minutes remain a draft (E & O A) until confirmed at the next Full Council meeting of the Parish Council in January 2021.